

# Fact Sheet



## Online crime

Every year, thousands of Australians fall victim to online crime, or 'cybercrime'.

Common types of cybercrime include:

- Online scams or fraud
- Issues with buying or selling goods online
- Identity theft
- Cyber bullying
- Attacks on computer systems
- Email spam and phishing
- Illegal and prohibited content
- Online child sexual abuse material.

## Tackling cybercrime with the ACORN

### What is it?

The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (the ACORN) is an online system where people can securely report cybercrime, and find advice on how to recognise and avoid it. This national policing initiative is an Australian-first, delivered by all Australian police agencies and the Australian Government working together to combat cybercrime.

### Why should I report?

If you are a victim of cybercrime and want to lodge a report with police, we encourage you to visit the ACORN. The information you provide will help to build a national picture of cybercrime. A greater understanding of cybercrime will improve our response and help to prevent and disrupt future criminal activity.



### How do I report to the ACORN?

Reporting to the ACORN is simple and quick. You will be asked a series of questions about the incident, which should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Once a report has been submitted, it will be assessed and may be referred to the police for investigation. Unfortunately, due to the nature of cybercrime not all reports can be investigated, however reports are taken seriously and will help to contribute to the national intelligence database, a key component of the fight against cybercrime.

Visit [www.acorn.gov.au](http://www.acorn.gov.au) for more information or to submit a report.

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